

In the claims

1. (Currently Amended) A device that plays ~~sounds~~ alerts and is used with a ~~cellular telephone~~ wireless communications device, the device comprising:

a substantially rectangular planar shell having electrical terminals on one side that are electrically connectable to electrical terminals on a ~~cellular telephone~~ wireless communications device; and

~~a sound~~ an alert generating device, located inside the shell and electrically connected to the electrical connectors of the planar shell, comprising memory for storing ~~a sound~~ an alert file, wherein the ~~sound~~ alert generating device is triggered to play ~~sound~~ an alert associated with the ~~sound~~ alert file upon detection of ~~a telephone call~~ an incoming communication by the ~~cellular telephone~~ wireless communications device.

2. (Currently Amended) The device of claim 1, wherein the alert generating device is a sound generating device, wherein the alert file is a sound file, wherein the alert is an audio alert, and wherein the sound generating device stores a plurality of sound files, and wherein each sound file can be designated as an audio alert signal for the telephone.

3. (Original) The device of claim 2, further comprising:

an external connector socket on the shell in electrical communication with the sound generating device to provide external access to the plurality of sound files in the sound generating device.

4. (Original) The device of claim 2, further comprising:

a selector device on the shell for scrolling through the plurality of sound files and designating a sound file to use as an audio alert signal.

5. (Currently Amended) A device for a ~~cellular telephone~~ wireless communications device that plays ~~sounds~~ alerts, the device comprising:

a shell attachable between a ~~cellular telephone~~ wireless communications device body and a ~~cellular telephone~~ wireless communications device battery;

~~a sound~~ an alert generating device inside the shell and comprising memory for storing a plurality of ~~sound~~ alert files, wherein the ~~sound~~ alert generating device is triggered to play ~~sound~~ an alert associated with ~~a sound~~ an alert file upon detection of a ~~telephone call~~ an incoming communication by the ~~cellular telephone~~ wireless communications device;

an external connector socket on the shell in electrical communication with the ~~sound~~ alert generating device to provide external access to the plurality of ~~sound~~ alert files in the ~~sound~~ alert generating device; and

a selector device on the shell for designating a ~~sound~~ file to use as an audio alert signal.

6. (Currently Amended) A device for a ~~cellular telephone~~ wireless communications device that plays ~~sounds~~ alerts, the device comprising:

a shell attachable between a ~~cellular telephone~~ wireless communications device body and a ~~cellular telephone~~ wireless communications device battery;

~~a sound~~ an alert generating device inside the shell and comprising memory for storing a plurality of ~~sound~~ alert files, wherein the ~~sound~~ alert generating device is triggered to play ~~sound~~ an alert associated with ~~a sound~~ an alert file upon detection of a ~~telephone call~~ an incoming communication by the ~~cellular telephone~~ wireless communications device;

accessing means on the shell in electrical communication with the ~~sound~~ alert generating device for providing external access to the plurality of ~~sound~~ alert files in the ~~sound~~ alert generating device; and

selecting means on the shell for designating ~~a sound~~ an alert file to use as an ~~audio~~ alert signal.

7. (Currently Amended) A ~~cellular telephone~~ wireless communications device system having changeable ~~audio~~ alert signals, the system comprising:

a ~~cellular telephone~~ wireless communications device body;

a ~~cellular telephone~~ wireless communications device battery for powering the ~~cellular telephone~~ wireless communications device body; and

an ~~audio~~ alert signal device, connectable with the ~~cellular telephone~~ wireless communications device body and the ~~cellular telephone~~ wireless communications device battery, including a ~~sound~~ an alert generating device comprising memory for storing a ~~sound~~ an alert file, wherein the ~~sound~~ alert generating device is triggered to play ~~sound~~ an alert associated with the ~~sound~~ alert file upon detection of a ~~telephone call~~ an incoming communication by the ~~cellular telephone~~ wireless communications device.

8. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 7, wherein the alert generating device is a sound generating device, wherein the alert file is a sound file, wherein the alert is a sound, and wherein the sound generating device stores a plurality of sound files that are capable of being edited.

9. (Original) The system of claim 8, further comprising:
an external connector socket on the audio signal device in electrical communication with the sound generating device to provide external access to the plurality of sound files in the sound generating device.

10. The system of claim 8, further comprising:
a computer system having an electrical plug electrically connected to the sound generating device through the connector socket, for editing the plurality of sound files by adding or deleting from the sound generating device.

11. The system of claim 8, further comprising:
a selector device on the audio signal device for scrolling through the plurality of sound files and designating a sound file to use as an audio alert signal.

12. (Currently Amended) ~~A cellular telephone system having changeable audio alert signals, the system comprising:~~
~~a cellular telephone body;~~
~~a cellular telephone battery for powering the cellular telephone body; and~~

~~an audio signal device connectable with the cellular telephone body and the cellular telephone battery and including a sound generating device comprising memory for storing a sound file,~~ The system of claim 7, wherein the alert generating device is a sound generating device, wherein the alert file is a sound file, wherein the alert is a sound, and wherein the sound generating device stores a plurality of sound files and is triggered to play a sound associated with a designated sound file upon detection of a telephone call by the cellular telephone.

13. (Original) The system of claim 12, further comprising:

an external connector socket on the audio signal device in electrical communication with the sound generating device to provide external access to the plurality of sound files in the sound generating device.

14. (Original) The system of claim 12, further comprising:

a computer system having an electrical plug electrically connected to the sound generating device through the connector socket, for editing the plurality of sound files by adding or deleting from the sound generating device.

15. (Original) The system of claim 12, further comprising:

a selector device on the audio signal device for scrolling through the plurality of sound files and designating a sound file to use as an audio alert signal.

16. (Currently Amended) ~~A cellular telephone system having changeable audio alert signals, the~~ The system of claim 12, further comprising:

~~a cellular telephone body;~~

~~a cellular telephone battery for powering the cellular telephone body;~~

~~an audio signal device, connectable with the cellular telephone body and the cellular telephone battery, including a sound generating device comprising memory for storing a sound file, wherein the sound generating device stores a plurality of sound files and is triggered to play a sound associated with a designated sound file upon detection of a telephone call by the cellular telephone;~~

an external connector socket on the audio signal device in electrical communication with the sound generating device to provide external access to the plurality of sound files in the sound generating device;

a computer system having an electrical plug electrically connected to the sound generating device through the connector socket, for editing the plurality of sound files by adding or deleting from the sound generating device; and

a selector device on the audio signal device for designating a sound file to use as an audio alert signal.

17. (Currently Amended) ~~A cellular telephone system having changeable audio alert signals, the~~ The system of claim 12, further comprising:

~~a cellular telephone body;~~

~~a cellular telephone battery for powering the cellular telephone body;~~

~~an audio signal device, connectable with the cellular telephone body and the cellular telephone battery, including a sound generating device comprising memory for storing a sound file, wherein the sound generating device stores a plurality of sound files and is triggered to play a sound associated with a designated sound file upon detection of a telephone call by the cellular telephone;~~

accessing means on the audio signal device and in electrical communication with the sound generating device for provide external access to the plurality of sound files in the sound generating device;

programming means, electrically connected to the sound generating device through the accessing means, for editing the plurality of sound files by adding or deleting from the sound generating device; and

selecting means on the audio signal device for designating a sound file to use as an audio alert signal.

18. (Currently Amended) A method of programming designated ~~audio~~ alert signals on a ~~cellular telephone~~ wireless communications device, the method comprising:

providing an ~~audio~~ alert signal device for use with a ~~cellular telephone~~ wireless communications device, the ~~audio~~ alert signal device including a programmable ~~sound~~ alert generating device and an external socket located on an outside surface;

connecting a computer system containing software that can access the ~~sound~~ alert generating device to the external socket of the ~~audio~~ alert signal device;

accessing the ~~sound~~ alert generating device;

adding or deleting a ~~sound~~ an alert file via the computer onto or from the ~~sound~~ alert generating device, respectively.

19. (Original) The method of claim 18, wherein the computer system is a personal data assistant.

20. (Currently Amended) A method of selecting a designated ~~audio~~ alert signal on a ~~cellular telephone~~ wireless communications device, the method comprising:

providing an ~~audio~~ alert signal device for use with a ~~cellular telephone~~ wireless communications device, the ~~audio~~ alert signal device including a programmable ~~sound~~ alert generating device and a selector located on an outside surface, wherein the ~~sound~~ alert generating device includes a plurality of ~~sound~~ alert files;

scrolling through the plurality of ~~sound~~ alert files with the selector to ~~hear~~ experience the plurality of ~~sound~~ alert files;

~~listening to~~ experiencing exemplary ~~sounds~~ alerts; and

selecting a selected ~~sound~~ alert from the plurality of ~~sound~~ alert files when a designated ~~sound~~ alert file is reached.

21. (New) A computer readable medium containing instructions that when executed by a processor of a wireless device perform acts, wherein the cellular telephone includes a cellular telephone body, a cellular telephone battery for powering the cellular telephone body, an audio signal device, connectable with the cellular telephone body and the cellular telephone battery, including a sound generating device, memory, and a selector device, the acts comprising:

storing a plurality of sound files in memory;

receiving input from the selector device;
designating a file of the plurality to use as an alert signal; and
alerting a user with the alert signal of the designated file in response to an
incoming communication.

22. (New) The system of claim 5, wherein the wireless device is a cellular telephone, the alert signal is a sound, and the incoming communication is a telephone call.

23. (New) The system of claim 6, wherein the wireless device is a cellular telephone, the alert signal is a sound, and the incoming communication is a telephone call.

24. (New) The system of claim 7, wherein the wireless device is a cellular telephone, the alert signal is a sound, and the incoming communication is a telephone call.

25. (New) A device that plays alerts and is used with a wireless communications device, the device comprising:

a planar shell having electrical terminals on one side that are electrically connectable to electrical terminals on a wireless communications device; and

an alert generating device, located inside the shell and electrically connected to the electrical connectors of the planar shell, comprising memory for storing an alert file, wherein the alert generating device is triggered to play an alert associated with the alert file upon detection of an incoming communication by the wireless communications device, and wherein the alert generating device further comprises a memory receiving slot for adding new alert signals from a second memory positioned within the memory receiving slot.

26. (New) The device of claim 25, wherein the wireless device is a cellular telephone, the alert signal is a sound, and the incoming communication is a telephone call.

27. (New) A method of providing an alert with a wireless communications device that includes a body, a battery, and a planar shell that includes a selector and an alert generating device with a first memory and a memory receiving slot that receives a second memory, comprising:

storing a plurality of alert files in the first memory;

receiving the second memory into the memory receiving slot, the second memory storing a plurality of alert files different than those of the first memory;

receiving input from the selector device;

designating a file of the plurality of alert files of the first and second memory to use as an alert signal; and

alerting a user with the alert signal of the designated file in response to an incoming communication.

28. (New) The method of claim 27, wherein the wireless device is a cellular telephone, the alert signal is a sound, and the incoming communication is a telephone call.

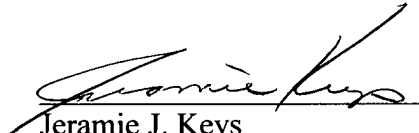
Conclusion

Claims 1-28 are pending, and claims 1, 2, 5-8, 12, 16, 17, 18, and 20 have been amended to broaden the scope beyond audio alerts of cellular phone telephone calls. New claims 21-28 have been added. Applicants request that these amendments be entered prior to initial examination and further request that prosecution on the merits proceed thereafter. Should the Examiner have any questions, please contact the undersigned.

No fees beyond the fee for eight new claims are believed due. However, please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-3025.

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